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Application of: R. ZAMBIAS et al.

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Examiner: P. Ponnaluri

For: LOGICALLY ORDERED ARRAYS
OF COMPOUNDS AND METHODS
OF MAKING AND USING THE
SAME

Attorney Docket No.: 5925-061

AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 7, 2000, applicants submit the following amendments and comments for entry into the file of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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11. (Four times amended) A method of making a spatially-addressable combinatorial array of at least 500 compounds in solution in multiple cycles, said method comprising the steps of:

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(a) apportioning into a plurality of reaction vessels that are identifiable by their spatial addresses (i) a first plurality of reactants, each reactant comprising a same first reactive group and a different first structural diversity element such that the reactants composing the first plurality differ from one another, with one first reactant per reaction vessel; and (ii) a second reactant comprising a second reactive group and a second structural diversity element, with one second reactant per reaction vessel; and

(b) concurrently reacting said first and second reactants in each of the plurality of reaction vessels under solution phase conditions wherein the first and second reactive groups react with one another by an addition reaction to form a compound; and

(c) repeating steps (a) and (b), thus forming the combinatorial array of at least 500